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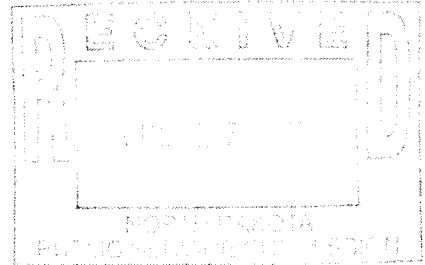
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July 27, 2017



Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-17-294

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") sworn affidavit to meet its North Dakota Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier filing requirement pursuant to Case No. PU-17-294 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year, that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2017.

Sincerely,

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Kent Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

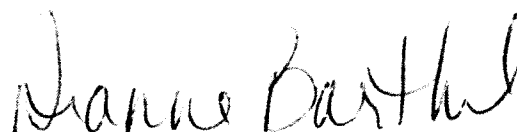
I hereby certify that on this 27th day of July, 2017, the original and seven copies of the attached were served upon the following party:

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF
FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

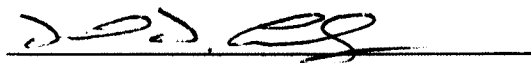
STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")
2. I am a corporate officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("North Dakota") authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.
3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.
4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 14-58 and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11- 191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.
5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided.

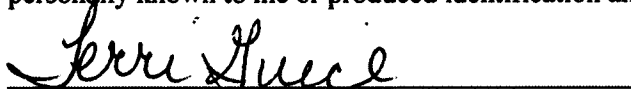
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David D. Cole
Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller
CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 21st day of July, 2017, by David D. Cole as Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



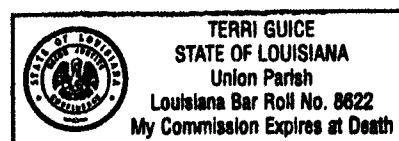
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BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE pu-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

**AFFADAVIT OF RC TECHNOLOGIES
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Roberts)

Robin Thoreson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon
affiant's own person knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by RC Technologies (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Accounting Department Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high cost universal support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket Number 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254 (e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2014 and for all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to RC Technologies was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with

Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 18th day of Sept, 2017.

RC TECHNOLOGIES

By: Robin Thoreson

Robin Thoreson

Its: Acct Dept Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Roberts)

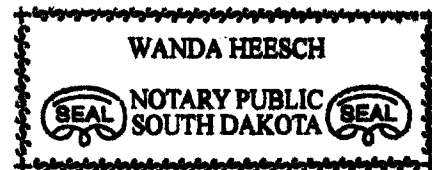
On this 18th day of Sept, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for the said and County and State, personally appeared ROBIN THORESON, known to me to be the Acct Dept Manager of RC TECHNOLOGIES, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Wanda Heesch

Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: _____



My Commission Expires July 10, 2018

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PU-17-294 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION
CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Richland)

Jeffrey J. Olson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Red River Rural Telephone Association (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.

2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Red River Rural Telephone Association was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent

with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

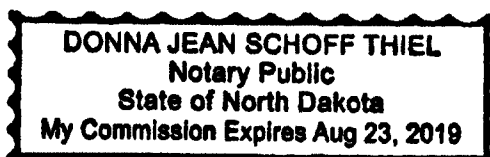
Dated this 3rd day of August, 2017.

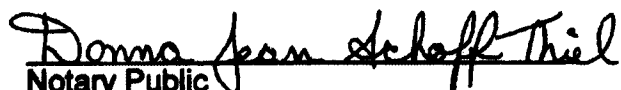
RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

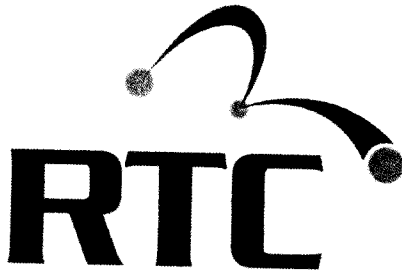
By 
Jeffrey J. Olson
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Richland)

On this day of August 3rd, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEFFREY J. OLSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of RED RIVER RURAL TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



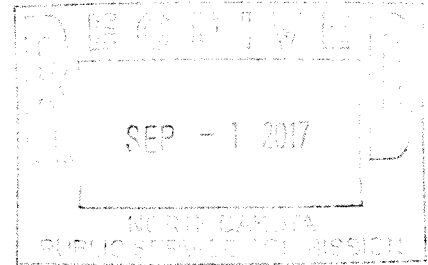

Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Aug. 23, 2019



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September 1, 2017

ND Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 E Blvd. Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Shane D. Hart
CEO/General Manager
Reservation Telephone Cooperative

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Shane Hart
CEO/General Manager

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Reservation Telephone Cooperative
Shane Hart, CEO / General Manager

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mountrail)

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2017.

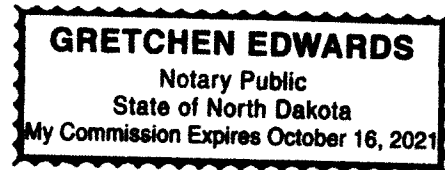
**RESERVATION TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE**

By Shane D Hart
Shane D. Hart
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mountrail)

On this 1st day of September, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared SHANE D. HART, known to me to be the Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Gretchen Edwards
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____





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August 15, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at the this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commissions to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Remi Sun
Chief Financial Officer
Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Administrative Company

RS/sb

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.

Remi Sun, CFO

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2017.

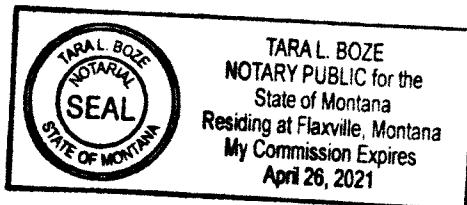
SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.

By [Signature]
Remi Sun
Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana)
) ss.
County of Daniels)

On this 15th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

[Signature]
Notary Public
For the State of Montana
My commission expires: 4-26-21





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Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 and PU-439-02-441

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. D. Lysne', is written over the typed name.

Steven D. Lysne
CEO/General Manager
SRT Communications, Inc.

Enclosure

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

SRT Communications, Inc.

Steven Lysne, CEO/General Manager

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Ward)

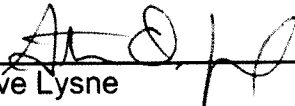
Steve Lysne, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.
5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

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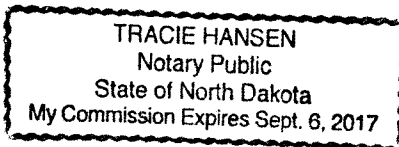
Dated this 8th day of August, 2017.


SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By 
Steve Lysne
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Ward)

On this 8th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the Manager of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.




Ward County, Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: Sept 6, 2017

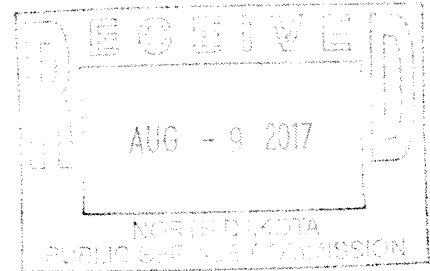
TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS

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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue-Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 568505-0480

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc., was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry Oster".

Perry Oster
General Manager

Enclosure

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

Perry Oster, General Manager

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cavalier)

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Turtle Mountain Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Turtle Mountain Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2017.

**TURTLE MOUNTAIN
COMMUNICATIONS**

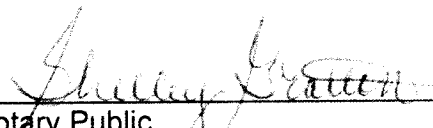
By 

Perry Oster
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cavalier)

On this 9th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PERRY OSTER, known to me to be the Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

SHELLEY GRATTON
Notary Public, State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires March 26, 2022


Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 03/26/22

UNITED

TELEPHONE MUTUAL
AID CORPORATION

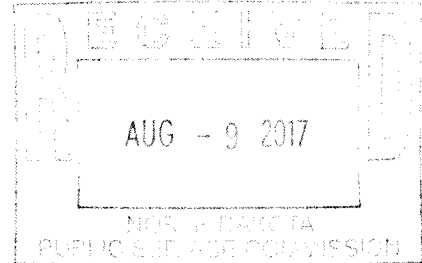
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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue-Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 568505-0480



RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Perry Oster
General Manager

Enclosure

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation

Perry Oster, General Manager

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cavalier)

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.


4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

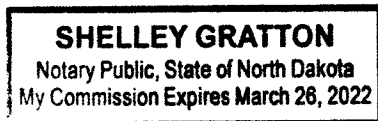
Dated this 9th day of August, 2017.


**UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL
AID CORPORATION**

By 
Perry Oster
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Cavalier)

On this 9th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared PERRY OSTER, known to me to be the Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.




Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: 03/26/22



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August 18, 2017

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Geri Schmaltz
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Ms. Schmaltz;

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 10-90 is the annual certification filing, related exhibits, and an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Sincerely,

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janelle Jessen".

Janelle Jessen
Office Manager

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support
Venture Communications Cooperative
Janelle Jessen, Office Manager

BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-01-460

AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)

County of Sargent)ss.

Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General manager/CEO.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. The Company serves 13 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 12,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket No. 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. * 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. * 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2018, and for all quarters thereafter.
6. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. * 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. * 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency

signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation services for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2017.

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

By: 

Randy W. Houdek

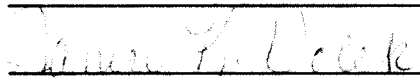
Its: General Manager/CEO

State of South Dakota)

) ss.

County of Hyde)

On this 18th day of August 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

, Notary Public

For the State of South Dakota

My commission expires: **MARCH 24, 2022**



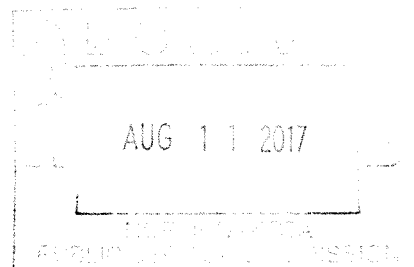
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600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at 701-748-2211 or email me at michellep@wrtc.com

Thank you,

Michelle Perreault

Personnel Director / Safety Coordinator

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support

West River Telecommunications Cooperative

Michelle Perreault

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58**

**AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mercer)

Troy Schilling, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by West River Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West River Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2017.

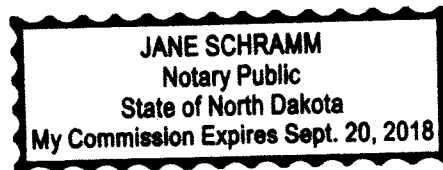
**WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE**

By Troy Schilling
Its: Manager

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Mercer)

On this 11th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TROY SCHILLING, known to me to be the Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Jane Schramm
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____





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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: USF Certification B Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 & PU-439-02-441

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's Order of August 28, 2002, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an Affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Wolverton Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, the undersigned company is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karl Blake
Executive Vice President
Wolverton Telephone Company

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**Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Wolverton Telephone Company

Karl Blake, General Manager / CEO



BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90
AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

AFFIDAVIT OF WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY
REGARDING
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Walsh)

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Wolverton Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2017 and all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Wolverton Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study

area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.

WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY

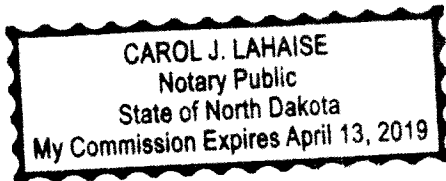
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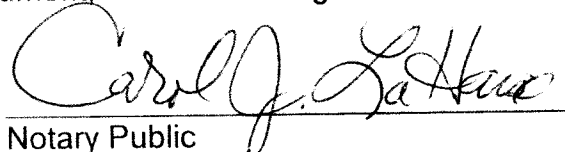
Karl Blake

Its: Executive Vice President

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
County of Walsh)

On this 7th day of August, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.




Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My commission expires: _____